LDEQ ANSWERS TO PROPOSERS QUESTIONS RFP No. 5501-10-01

"Marco of lota and Stevens Sites: Ground Penetrating Radar"

LDEQ's answers to the following questions are intended to provide information to potential proposers' questions to RFP No. 5501-10-01.

Questions and answers that may potentially result in the disclosure of information from proposals of competing bidders will not be published.

Question 1: For the trees/brush removed prior to the GPR survey, is it acceptable to dispose of these items on site using a wood chipper? The chips would be spread on site in a thin layer. This appears to be the most feasible option, and would not pose a safety hazard. Thanks.

LDEQ's answer: The LDEQ-RSD will accept this approach if the following conditions can be met:

- The Contractor's Work Plan must certify that the presence of spread wood chips will not degrade the performance and resolution of the Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) imaging.
- For the Steven's Site (AI # 93464) it is anticipated that such wood chips would have to be spread on Tracts 15, 16, 17, & 18. Of these tracts, the Request for Proposals (RFP) requires the Contractor to obtain an access agreement from the owner of Tracts 16, 17, & 18. An additional agreement must also be obtained that authorizes the Contractor to leave the wood chips on their property.
- On Steven's Site Tract # 15 and on the Marco of Iota, Inc., sites no agreement from the property owner will be required to leave such wood chips on site.

Question 2: During the site visit it was mentioned that any debris generated during clearance activities was to be hauled to an approved landfill for disposal. However, would it be possible to have a wood chipper on-site during clearance procedures so that debris could be chipped and redistributed on-site?

LDEQ's answer: See answer to Question 1.

Question 3: For the Financial information (Sec. 3.3) submittal the RFP states "Proposers should admit the following at the time of proposal submittal but must be provided no later than three (3) days of LDEQ's request:". Does this imply that we can submit the info after the award?

LDEQ's answer: No, all of the financial information must be submitted before the award; an award cannot be made without a complete review of the company's financials. We ask all of the proposers for their financial information by the proposal due date and any additional information required must be provided no later than three (3) days of LDEQ's request.

Question 4: After the sites are cleared/grubbed do we need to re-seed/revegetate if there is bare ground left?

LDEQ's answer: This was not included in the scope of the RFP and will not be required.

Question 5: If fences cross areas that will have GPR conducted, can they be taken down? Do they need to be replaced?

LDEQ's answer: If the Contractor must remove fencing to perform GPR in a specified area, the Contractor must replace the fencing afterwards. No additional reimbursement will be provided for this task.

Question 6: At the Marco site, can we perform an EM survey, prior to GPR, to better identify potential magnetic anomalies?

LDEQ's answer: The Contractor may perform an Electromagnetic (EM) Survey at the Marco of lota site. However, the entire Marco of lota site must be included in the GPR survey as well. This is due to historical information that indicates that waste burials not involving containers occurred at the Marco site.

Question 7: We are a engineering firm can we substitute the requirement for LA Contractors License for a LA Engineering License? Along with our hazardous certifications!

LDEQ's answer: No substitution will be accepted for the required license.

Question 8: Can a company submitting as a prime contractor on this RFP also be included as a subcontractor with other prime contractors? Thank you.

LDEQ's answer: LDEQ will post the answer to this question by 3 pm, January 29, 2010.